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YANGTSE CITIES ALERTED Fears Of Communist Crossing Revived Heavy Fighting For Loyang

Shanghai, Mar. 15.
While crucial battles continued to rage in Manchuria, Honan and Shantung, the threat of large-scale fighting breaking out in one of the richest and most populous areas of China loomed today with the alerting of all Government forces along the Yangtse to prevent Communist attempts to cross to the south of this vital Central China river.

The Government's precautionary measure followed receipt of reports that the Communists have established "Central Headquarters" in Yencheng, about 200 miles north of the Kiangsu provincial capital of Chinkiang, preparatory to launching a drive to capture Yangtse ports and cross the river.

Nationalist defences at all strategic points along the Yangtse, including Chinkiang, which is situated some 30 miles northwest of Nanking, are being strengthened.

The battle for Loyang, in northwestern Honan, increased in intensity today as Nationalist reinforcements were rushed from Chengchow and went into action in support of the hard-pressed garrison.

STRIKE AT THE PALACE

London, Mar. 15.
There was no hot water, no central heating and no lifts service at Buckingham Palace, official residence of the Royal Family, today following the strike of assistant engineers employed by the Ministry of Works, who are demanding a wage increase.

The men struck yesterday at the Palace, both Houses of Parliament and other Government buildings in protest against a Treasury refusal to increase their present weekly wage of £4·17-8 to £5·10-0.

Pickets were posted at Government buildings, generating plants were stopped at the Law Courts, and boilermen at the War Office joined the strike early today.

Fourteen assistant engineers failed to turn up for duty at the Palace.

The King and Queen were not in residence, but were expected back today after spending a week-end at Windsor Castle.—Reuter.

NEW CARRIER SQUADRON

London, Mar. 15.
Rear-Admiral M.H. Mansheroff, 51, who has been Naval Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty since February, 1946, is to command the new Third Aircraft Carrier Squadron.

The appointment will take effect in July, it was announced. The squadron will accompany the Home Fleet when it visits the West Indies in the autumn.—Reuter.

Shanghai Foreign Exchange Hopes

Shanghai, Mar. 15.
Commercial and industrial circles here are confident that the Government will shortly lift the restrictions on the use of privately obtained foreign exchange to pay for imports, according to local press reports.

They are quoted as believing that the use of private foreign exchange, if given, will be issued either at the end of this month or early next month.

The majority of people who hold this opinion have been to Nanking recently to exchange views with Government leaders on the subject.

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the use of private foreign exchange, but this has to be ratified by the Executive Yuan.

Meanwhile, with the object of gaining foreign exchange, the Central Trust, under instructions from the Executive Yuan, will shortly buy seven kinds of native products for export under the State-operated export programme. These products are oil, hog bristles, tea, soybean oil, tea, cotton, wool and raw silk.

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LORD LISTERWELL'S ARRIVAL

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ON OTHER PAGES

INVITATION TO SPAIN

London, Mar. 15.
The Foreign Office said today that a move to bring Spain into the Marshall Plan will be made at the Paris conference opening today.

Spain was not invited last summer to the conference in which 16 countries began working out a common plan for European recovery with American aid.—Associated Press.

H.K. Small Notes To Go

The Hong Kong Government has finally decided to replace five and ten cent notes with coins, the "China Mail" learned officially yesterday.

A Government spokesman said: "It is hoped to have the coins ready for circulation by the end of the year." No definite date can be given owing to the pressure of work at the Mint in Britain.

The vanguard of this army are reported to have reached Lungshan, about 20 miles east of Tainan, and staged an unsuccessful attack against the railway station.

Despatches from Manchuria reported fighting moving towards Kungshulin, 40 miles north of Changchun.

Szepinkai

Nationalist resistance at Szepinkai ended on Saturday after 11 days and nights of severe fighting which left the Reds in complete possession of the city, pro-Government reports stated.

They claimed that every inch of ground the Reds took cost them a big price. They said all fortifications of the city were destroyed during the fighting, in which less than 10,000 Nationalists were pitted against more than 80,000 Reds.

Nationalist planes flying over Szepinkai as the Reds completed their conquest, alleged a big part of the city was in flames.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Governor Sacked

Nanking, Mar. 15.
Repercussions at the fall of Kien to the Communists are reflected in the Government's decision reported last night to relieve Mr. Liang Hua-sheng of the Governorship of Kirin Province and appoint General Chen Tung-kuo, deputy Commander-in-Chief, Manchuria, as acting Governor.

Official announcement of the change is expected shortly.

Chinese press dispatches this morning reported the situation at Loyang, West Honan, as critical, indication that its fall is imminent.

Meanwhile, independent reports said that the Communist armies had advanced closer to Changchun, the last Government stronghold in Manchuria.—Reuter-AAP.

Bandit Government In South

Canton, Mar. 15.

About 20,000 "bandits"

have formed a "Kwangtung-Kwangsi border Government" with a South-West "Office of Strategic Service," according to military intelligence quoted today by the independent paper, Tai Kwong Po.

The paper said the military forces in Hwangtung and Kwangsi are all set to launch a big-scale campaign to wipe out the bandits.

Appointed were former political and administrative officers and have sent out agents to buy off discharged officials, jobless politicians and criminals.

The influential independent "Ta Kung Pao" this morning quoted authoritative sources in Nanking as saying that the State Council meeting on March 12 agreed to furnish the Central Bank of China with such a fund.

The Executive Yuan, seconding the report, is now mapping out a plan for nullification of the new Government's financial policy.

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SINO-U.S. TREATY OBJECTION

Shanghai, Mar. 15.

The American-owned Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury said today that a large and growing group of Americans oppose ratification of the Sino-American trade treaty.

"With deepest regret and only after extensive consideration, we find it necessary to associate ourselves with this group," the paper which often speaks for Shanghai's American community, said.

"In general, the greatest overall objection to the proposed new treaty seems to be that it would exchange unconditional, most-favoured nation treatment for a conditional form, which in many respects would impair the past status of Americans in China," said the paper editorially.

The treaty was ratified by China after being jointly signed by the two governments. It now awaits Senate approval.

For the Senate to refuse to ratify it now would "create a shock and a sensation," the paper said, adding, "yet we feel no one could blame the Senate."

Hong Kong's decision to re-introduce coin currency follows closely a similar decision made short while back by the Singapore authorities.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Bags And Bags



Dramatic Iceland Rescue

Reykjavik, Mar. 15.

Four survivors on the wrecked British trawler Epsilon were snatched from death last night by Icelanders working in the teeth of a gale. A fifth man, washed from his refuge in the rigging of the Epsilon of Grimsey, near Drifvik.

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SUN FO ATTACKS REDS Dream Of Peace Shattered

Nanking, Mar. 15.

"The dream of the democracies to live in peace and freedom through rapprochement with the Soviet Union is now shattered as the Western European countries are straining hard to ward off further Soviet expansion following the Communist domination of Czechoslovakia," Vice-President Sun Fo said here today.

Dr. Sun predicted that the Paris conference of 16 European nations opening today would attain "some measure of achievement" but stated that the barrier between the Eastern and the Western blocs "still remains in sharp relief."

He indicated that it was just as well that Mr. George Marshall had failed to establish a coalition Government in China including the Communists, stating that "they would not have contented themselves with mere participation in the Government with their avowed aim to bring the whole of China under Communist influence."

"I always thought when I was in Russia that for reasons of

its own security the Soviet Union's suspicions and precautions against other countries were within reasonable limits," he added.

"But after the last war I came to realise that the Soviet policy of expansion in effect represents an attempt to dominate the whole world."

"Half of Eastern Europe has been turned into a Communist world today with the help of Russian military strength."

Port Arthur

"Where its military strength cannot reach assistance is extended to Communist parties in these countries to enable them to participate in the Government through so-called legitimate methods."

"Then, when the opportunity moment arrives, a swift coup is administered to seize power as was the case in Czechoslovakia."

Commenting upon the popular request for the return of Port Arthur and Dairen, Dr. Sun said such demands must be backed up by "actual strength."

"The 'Sun' was captioned 'Curt Nona'."

In London, accessible court sources declined to comment on the report.

Recently, however, persons close to the Royal household described recurrent rumours that the Princess was pregnant as "idle talk" and "idle guessing."

It should be obvious that the Princess would not be undertaking a strenuous spring and early summer schedule involving many public appearances and considerable travelling about the country if she was expecting a child," they said.

Elizabeth's announced public engagements run virtually to the end of June.—Associated Press.

HAMMER MURDER

A 22-year-old Chinese woman died in hospital last night after being attacked with a hammer by an unknown assailant at No. 68 B, Bonham Road, first floor.

A man, aged 20, was also admitted to hospital seriously injured.

Both victims of the brutal attack, which occurred at about 6 p.m. yesterday, were servants of the resident.

Police said that No. 8 Station (Upper Levels) received at about 8 p.m. a report of an armed robbery. On arriving at the scene they found Cheng Chai and Hui Kit-chun seriously injured.

They were rushed to the Queen Mary Hospital, but Cheng died shortly after admission.

It is understood that a man has been detained.

Attack On C.A.T. Plane

Nanking, Mar. 15.

The Foreign Office today confirmed receipt of the Soviet reply to the Chinese note of Mar. 10 protesting against the attack by Soviet fighter planes on the C.N.A.R.A. air transport plane last Monday afternoon.

A spokesman said the contents of the Soviet reply, as reported by Tass, the official Soviet news agency, alleged treaty violations when the C.N.A.R.A. plane flew over the Port Arthur base and stated that the Soviet fighters fired warning shots "without intent" and "without signal to make a forced landing."

The spokesman revealed that the Soviet note was being studied at present by the Chinese Government. He did not

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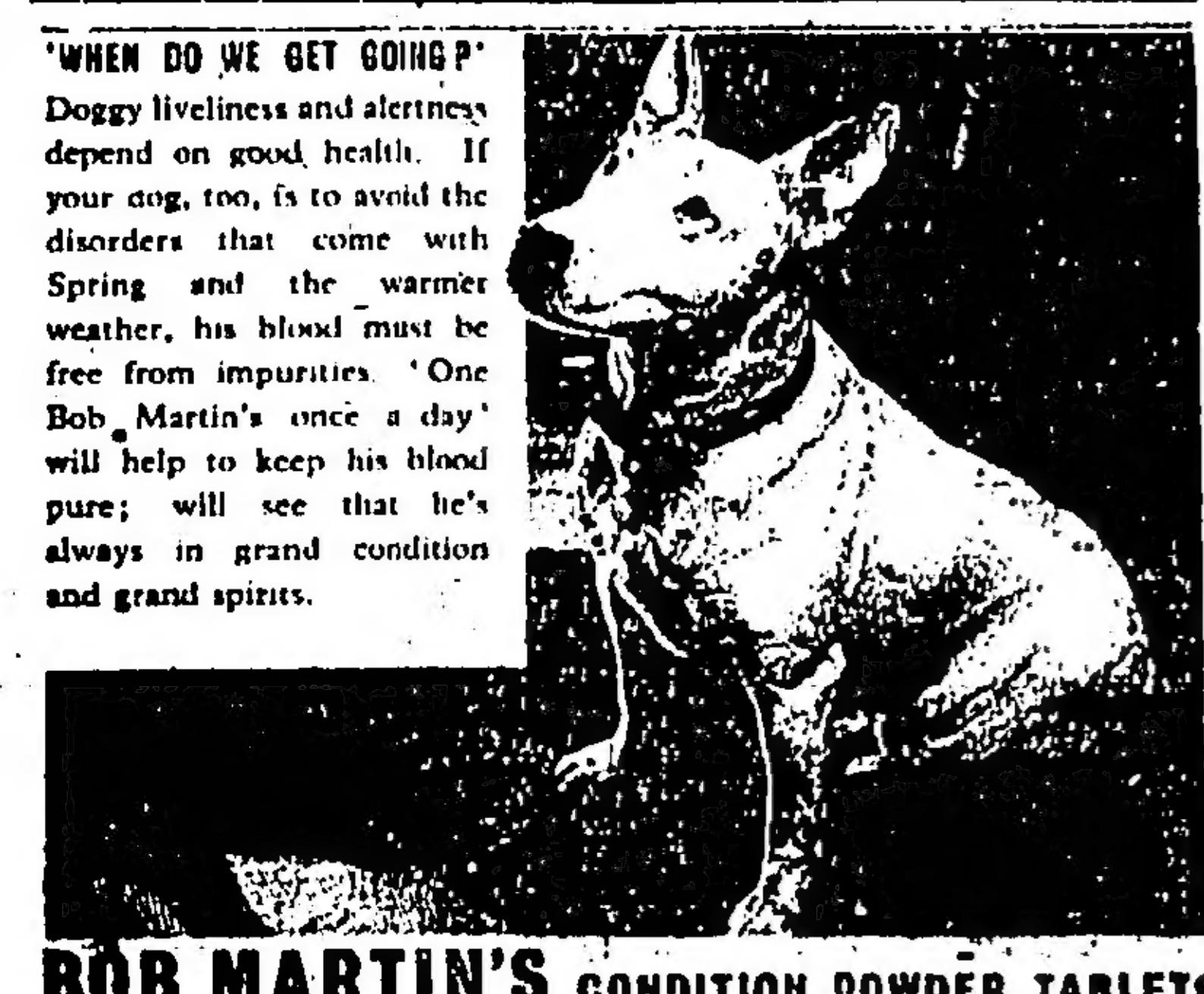
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Personalia

Mr. B. Africa, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Philippine Republic, is due in Hong Kong today from Colombo, where he represented the Philippines at the Ceylon independence celebrations. Mr. Africa is leaving for Manila by the first available boat.

The wedding of Lieut. Col. John Russell Filmer-Bennett, Murray Barracks, and Henriette Eleanor Anderson, Bishop's House, Shatin, took place at the Supreme Court Registry yesterday in the presence of Mr. J. A. Stericker and Mrs. V. Stericker.

At the Supreme Court Registry yesterday, the wedding of Leon Blumenthal Electric Engineer, H.M. Prisons, and Maria Wilhelmina Graf nee Koens, Helena May Institute, took place in the presence of Mr. F. H. Fowler and Mrs. Nellie Hillier.

The forthcoming weddings have been announced:

Joseph Horton, 9 Hillwood Road, to Annie Chan; Richard Stanley Arthington Merchant, 2 Castle Steps, to Mavis Francis Thirlwell, 77 Marble Road.

Mr. G. Negret left for Singapore by C. V. plane yesterday.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—D.E. Stenhouse, Mrs. N. Seznitt, B.F.C. Lamb, E.O. Bruce Cowen, A. Macfarlane, E.H. Jacob Luckcum and Mr. E. David.

Peninsula departures:—Mr. and Mrs. D.L. McWhirter, Mrs. H.C. Kingsley, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Sundberg, Mrs. L.R. McFarlane, Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Southon, Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Snell, Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Kleinert, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, A. Clement and J.L. Mount.

The Hon. D.F. Landale and Mrs. Landale returned to the Colony from Singapore by BOAC Flying-boat during the week-end. Others aboard the aircraft were Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Harris, Dr. Stewart, Col. A.J. Gaith, Major A.C. Yeates, Mr. and Mrs. Aurel, Mevers, Fifth, Low Yin, Low Kee, J.M. Neary, M. Uttenhout, Gordon Lin and Price.

Five Pan American World Airways officials arrived in Hong Kong on Saturday: Curt Haxthausen, Cargo Traffic Superintendent; C.D. Yaggie, Asst. Director of Operations; J.E. Conner, Asst. Manager, Maintenance; W.R. Nuhn, Asst. Superintendent, Dispatch; C.A. Steifelmeier, Superintendent, Meteorology. They are taking a station survey trip that is taking them around nearly the entire Pacific area. Tomorrow they are leaving for Shanghai by Pan American Clipper.

Court Rejection Of Application

An application for an order that the distraint levied by Mak King-hang trading as Xuet Hung Co., against The South China Practical Automobile Institute in respect of 205-211 Nathan Road, Kowloon, was wrongful and should be discharged, was refused by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice) yesterday.

Mr. F. Zimmern appeared for Mak King-hang while Mr. Alfred Hon represented The South China Practical Automobile Institute.

In the course of his submissions on behalf of defendants, Mr. Hon said that on Dec. 17, 1946, defendants who were led to believe that plaintiff was the principal tenant of the piece of vacant land known as 205-211 Nathan Road, Kowloon, took up a lease thereof from plaintiff at the monthly rental of \$1,100. Thereafter, defendants continued to pay this monthly rental to plaintiff until Aug. 1947. They stopped paying rent as from Sept. 1947 because they were served with an application issued by Messrs. Deacons on behalf of Tao Yung-lee.

This application, it was stated, was for a lease of the land, or portion thereof, without the consent or permission of the owner, Tao Yung-lee, who had not received any rent.

Difficult Position

Mr. Hon said that as a result of this application, he called upon plaintiff to visit him. At an interview held at his, Mr. Hon's office, the plaintiff and defendants agreed that rent should not be paid to plaintiff but should be kept in Mr. Hon's office or sent to Messrs. Deacons.

Continuing, Mr. Hon said that defendants were placed in a very difficult position. If they continued to pay rent to the plaintiff and the Tenancy Tribunal, on the application filed by Tao Yung-lee, held against defendants, the latter would have to pay meane profits. It was not a case where defendants had deliberately refused to pay rent. Defendants were merely asking that they not be called upon to pay rent twice.

No Merits

Replying, Mr. Zimmern submitted that the application had no merits, either on law or on the facts. He accepted the whole of the affidavit which had been filed by defendants, except that part which said that the plaintiff "had promised not to collect rent pending the result of the Summons." That was the only fact which he disputed. If there was such a promise, there was no consideration for it and as a result, it was not binding.

It was quite clear, on the law, that plaintiff should not be deprived of the right to collect rent from the defendants merely because an application had been made against them under the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance. Plaintiff had been asked to give evidence at the hearing before the Tenancy Tribunal and had agreed to do so.

Mr. Zimmern submitted that the relationship of landlord and tenant existed between plaintiff and defendants, who were, on the authorities, estopped from denying plaintiff's title. In conclusion, Mr. Zimmern emphatically denied that plaintiff made any promise to Mr. Hon or defendants not to collect rent.

Refusing the application, Mr. Justice Williams fixed the costs to be paid by defendants at \$75.

Reminders

Today

Urban Council meeting, G.P.O. Building, 4:15 p.m.
Confer by Jameson Huang in aid of Seventh Adventist Church, St. Stephen's Girls' College, 8:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong Annual Dinner, "The Griffin," H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

Musical Lecture by Rev. Clifford Davies, Hilda May Institute, 9:15 p.m.

Rotary Club Luncheon (closed meeting), Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12:30 p.m.

Annual Sports: Versacur Senior Middle School, at S.C.A.A. ground, Caroline Hill, prize distribution by Mrs. Li King-pong at 12:10 p.m.

H.K. Teachers Association, Lecture by Dr. Baldwin Lee, St. Paul's College Hall, 5:15 p.m.

H.K. Football Association, Council meeting, Association's Office, 5:15 p.m.

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events TOMORROW

Royal Air Forces Association luncheon, Cock, Pullet, Duddell Street, 12:45 p.m.

Society of St. George, Hong Kong, annual meeting, Jockey Club board room, Exchange Bldg., 3:30 p.m.

Star Ferry Co. Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.

St. Patrick's Society, Islay Wreath, Cenotaph, 9 a.m.

Talk on "Different Aspects of Crime" by Mr. Latimer, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

American-Chinese Heavily Fined

Louie Benjamin, 24-year-old American-Chinese, was fined \$1,000 when he pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on the possession of a revolver and 237 rounds of ammunition at K.C.R.

Inspector T. J. Hemmings said that at 9:30 a.m. on March 14 defendant was about to catch the 10:05 a.m. train for Canton when he was stopped by Fahald Garcher, 110.

On his luggage being searched, the arms and ammunition were actually found, which allowed that defendant was guilty. When he was asked if he had been drinking, he admitted that he had had a few glasses of beer.

Accused was, on the morning in question, bringing his father back to the country to visit some relatives.

We take a serious view of the case as the arms and ammunition were actually found, which allowed that defendant was guilty. When he was asked if he had been drinking, he admitted that he had had a few glasses of beer.

A general meeting of the Chinese Council of Women

Chinese P.M.G. In Hong Kong

The Chinese Director-General of Posts, Mr. Fok Sik-chuen, in visiting Hong Kong on his way to Bern, Switzerland, where he will assume on behalf of China one of the vice-presidencies of the Executive Committee of the Universal Postal Union.

This is the first time that China has been elected to office in the Postal Union. Mr. Fok is not only controlling executive of the Chinese Postal Administration but also has 37 years' practical experience in the department and is considered eminently suited for the new position.

After having gone through eight years of disruption from aggression, the Chinese Post Office is among the outstanding administration in China. Under the initiative and driving power of the Minister of Communications, Mr. Yu Ta-wai,ably transmitted by Mr. Fok, the administration has made successful efforts since the war to restore and even increase its former efficiency.

The Executive Committee of the Universal Postal Union was elected after the war to act as a link between the Union and the United Nations.

A cocktail party in honour of Mr. Fok was given by the Chinese Postal Bank at the Hong Kong Hotel on Friday night. The manager, Mr. K. C. Tseng, and Mrs. Tseng, were host and hostess to a large gathering of British, Chinese and foreign representatives.

The late Mr. Kurrik was one of the older members of the Kowloon Cricket Club. He was a keen chess player, he was also a member for many years of the Kowloon Chess Club and had been Honorary Secretary of the Club since 1935.

He was a regular competitor in local chess tournaments before the war, placing second in the Club Championship in 1939 and tieing for second and third place in 1940. His best performance in the Colony Championship came in 1939 when he placed third.

An infatigable worker in the cause of chess, his loss will be keenly felt by the local chess fraternity. The Kowloon Chess Club will be closed this evening and tournament games in the Colony Championship that were to have been played today have been postponed to the end of the tournament session on March 30.

The late Mr. Kurrik is survived by his widow and daughter, who were evacuated to Sydney in July, 1940, and did not return here after the war. Mr. Kurrik was due to retire from the Government Service and had planned to settle in Australia. He leaves also several sisters in Estonia, one of whom holds the post of Curator of the Estonian National Museum and is a leading authority on the history of Estonia.

A net profit of \$1,255,145.13 for the year ended Dec. 31, 1947, was reported at the annual general meeting of the Bank of Canton Ltd., held in the Bank board room yesterday afternoon.

The Chairman, Mr. Huo Fa-tao, told shareholders that the Bank had on the whole a satisfactory year of business, following which the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Dividends of 8% on First Preference Shares for 1947; 4% on Second Preference Shares for 4 years from 1944 to 1947; 4% on Ordinary Shares for 1947; and an additional 4% to First Preference Shareholders in respect of 1947, were declared.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were re-elected auditors of the Bank.

Bank Annual Meeting

The theft of 244 boxes (containing 66,750 rounds) of 38 revolver ammunition and 480 rounds of 455 revolver ammunition from Stonecutters Island on Feb. 9 had, as its sequel, the appearance of two batmen before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday charged with the robbery.

Li Yau (28), living on board boat 3341, and Li Fuk-chuen (35), living on board boat 3354, were remanded for trial. Sub-Inspector W.B. Scruggs, remanded for three days in custody.

On the application of Det. Inspector J. M. Forrest, Choi Chong (31) was remanded for three days by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on charge of burglary at 803 Canton Road on March 10.

Kowloon Premises Possession Case

An action by Chan Yim, plaintiff, against Lai Chu, defendant, for possession of the front portion of the ground floor of 219 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, resulted in Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Public Judge), before whom the case was heard yesterday, returning a verdict in favour of the defendant with costs.

Mr. A.S.K. Lau appeared for the plaintiff, while defendant was represented by Mr. C.A.S. Russ.

Plaintiff claimed to be legal tenant of the premises and alleged that defendant had committed a trespass on the front portion of such premises without his consent.

On Oct. 22, 1947, plaintiff, through Mr. A.S.K. Lau, gave notice to defendant to quit and deliver up possession. The defendant failed to comply and still remained in occupation. The plaintiff therefore applied for an order that defendant be ejected from the premises and also pay damages, not exceeding \$1,000.

Defendant denied that plaintiff was the legal sole tenant of the premises. She claimed to be a co-tenant with plaintiff and denied that she was a trespasser. Defendant also claimed that she was the original tenant of the premises, but entered into partnership with the plaintiff on Jan. 15, 1946, in a tailoring business on the premises. The partnership was determined on Oct. 8, 1946, where plaintiff retired, leaving defendant as the continuing partner to carry on the business in the premises.

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BUY BRITISH

Introducing....



Mother's Plea For Son Fails

"He has never done anything like this before. Give him a chance," Your Worship," pleaded the mother of Ng Ha (25), unemployed, who was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on four counts of burglary.

and stealing two hair-dryers, three hair-clippers, four open razors, three pairs of scissors, a lady's dress, a pair of shoes, a suit of Chinese clothes, and \$60 in cash, from Kwong Mui.

On Nov. 3 last he broke into 109 Parkes Street and stole a radio-set, a lady's overcoat, a jacket, a hair-dryer, three open razors, a pair of hair-clippers, three pairs of scissors, valued at \$180, from Mak Shing; and on Feb. 28, he stole 195 packets of cigarettes and two fountain pens from Chan Wah at 88 Temple Street, ground floor.

Det. Sub-Inspector W.G. Morrison said that defendant broke the front door of the first address with an iron bar. The radio-set and a blanket was recovered. He used the same method in his second burglary. Only two hair-dryers were recovered by the Police.

In the third case, said DSJ Morrison, defendant climbed over the back wall and entered by the open kitchen door. The lady's overcoat was recovered. None of the stolen property in the fourth charge was recovered. Defendant, in that crime, also

SNEAK THIEF IN CITY BRITISH FIRMS VICTIMISED

Murray Barracks Burglary.

When a 21-year-old unemployed was arrested in Wan Chai on March 10 for trespassing and being a suspected person, the Finger Print Bureau established that he burgled the Officers' Quarters (Murray Barracks), Garden Road, in February.

In the dock at Central Magistrate yesterday before Mr. F. X. d'Almada, Chan Ching was charged with stealing a suit, valued at \$100, from Captain Upchurch, and a wristwatch from Lt. Stephens, both of Unskilling Murray Barracks, on Feb. 25.

Chan who entered the Officers' Quarters through a faint light left his fingerprints on the pane. SI Koh of the I.B. conducted the investigation.

None of the property stolen was recovered.

Defendant, pleading guilty, was remanded for 24 hours, pending inquiry into his previous record.

Taxi-Driver Charged

A fatal accident at Cheung-shawan Road at 9 p.m. on March 12, in which a boy of 10 years was killed, was referred in Mr. W. H. Latimer's Court at Kowloon yesterday when Tong Man-kun (30), licensed driver of taxi 4564, was charged with dangerous driving.

Pleading not guilty to the charge, defendant asked for a remand of three days to enable him to obtain legal representation.

On Traffic Sub-Inspector D. Brown offering no objection, defendant was remanded for four days on bail of \$1,000 cash.

Was Just Peeping, Excuse

There were six of them and none had a watch so he volunteered to "peep" into a room and find out the time, Tam Yung, 29-year-old Tukton Dock cooke, told the Court when he appeared at Central Magistrate yesterday charged with attempting to commit a felony.

Mr. McLenkamps, 3rd. Officer Wai-min, went to the scene where they found 22-year-old Cheng Ying, who was reading a newspaper and who told them that he was waiting for a friend. They waited for 30 minutes and no "friend" turned up. A search revealed that Cheng had 10 pawn tickets.

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Sneaked In

In all cases Cheng stood outside, sneaked in and left with whatever articles he could lay hand on. Only on one occasion he cut open a window pane and burgled the office (Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son, Ltd.)

Defendant was helpful to the police and all the loot was recovered.

Cheng, with no previous conviction against him, pleaded guilty to the eight charges against him, and was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

DSI Cochrane told the Court that most of the thefts were not reported. "The victims apparently thought it not worth while to do so," DSI Cochrane added.

Audacious Trick

Mr. David Woo of No. 38 C, Blue Pool Road, second floor, was the victim of an audacious larceny as he was boarding Tram 46 after a day at the races near the Jockey Club last week-end.

Mr. Woo, who had a leather case and a pair of "Kern" binoculars slung across his shoulder, was boarding the tram which was crowded with racegoers when someone bumped into him. He turned round and saw the culprit about to put the binoculars into a paper parcel which he was carrying. Mr. Woo caught the man, who was promptly handed over to Police.

Charged with the larceny, a 19-year-old unemployed Leung Ki-yeung, pleaded guilty, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate yesterday.

The binoculars, valued at \$250, were recovered.

Sassoon Interests in Japan

Mr. Edmund S. Sassoon, Director of the Levant Trading Company in Hong Kong who also represents the Sassoon interests in Japan, said yesterday that headquarters have now been established in the centre of the port city of Kobe.

By a series of multi-million yen real estate deals during the past year, the Sassoons have acquired more than a dozen valuable business properties concentrated around Kobe's main railway station of Sanomiya.

A conservative estimate of Sassoons' known holdings in the Kobe area alone is given according to the current value at well over 100,000,000 yen.

Most of the newly acquired properties are in the area which was nearly flattened by a series of American B-29 raids during the last month of the war. This group of real estate holdings will presumably be the site of the future Sassoons' headquarters in Japan. The Kobe Sassoons are members of the world-known international family but advertise themselves as financially independent of other Sassoons' interests.

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Mr. d'Almada cautioned defendant.

Vigilant Woman

The vigilance of a married woman led to Hui Chi-kui (28), unemployed, being sentenced to a year's hard labour by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of "housebreaking with intent."

Sub-Inspector J.S. Howarth said that at 5.30 p.m. on March 13, Chu Ho, 45-year-old married woman, was cooking her evening meal at an unnumbered hut in Kowloon Taip Village, where she now defendant, providing around the adjoining hut used by her and her daughter as a bedroom. She grew suspicious and kept her eye on him. About four minutes later she saw him breaking the lock and immediately raised the alarm.

Complainant pluckily went after defendant and chased him all the way down to Kowloon Tong near the railway lines where Police L/C. 1744 took up the chase. Defendant was eventually arrested at the Children's Playground at Kowloon Tong.

Defendant, charged with the larceny of an electric fan.

Wong was arrested on March 14 at Kennedy Road and admitted stealing the fan.

Defendant was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Mr. Latimer said he left the car in the compound of the (British-American Tobacco Co.), and instructed the senior engineer to fix the luggage compartment at the back. He gave him a ring with several keys, one for the luggage compartment, and one was the ignition key.

The senior engineer told defendant to attend to the car. Defendant later came and asked him for the keys.

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NOTICE is hereby given that
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Meeting of the Members of this
Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wed-
nesday, the 17th day of March,
1948, at Noon, to receive the
Report of the Board of Directors
and Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947, to elect Directors and
to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 4th
March, 1948, to the 17th March,
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
Hong Kong, 20th Feb., 1948.
C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the thirty-ninth Ordinary
General Meeting of the Company
will be held at the Offices of
Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.,
3rd floor, Hong Kong Bank
Building, on Friday, the 19th
March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Report
and Statement of Accounts for
the year ended 31st December,
1947.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN
that the Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from the
5th March, 1948 to the 19th
March, 1948 both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
25th February, 1948.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Fifty-fifth Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of Shareholders will
be held at the Company's office,
4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on
Thursday, the 18th day of
March 1948 at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Report
of the Board of Directors
together with the Statement of
Accounts for the year ended
31st December 1947, and to
elect Directors and appoint
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The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
6th March to the 18th March
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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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Hongkong, 21st February, 1948.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and En-
try Forms for the Easter Race
Meeting to be held on Saturday
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be obtained at the Secretary's
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S.A. Sleep
Actg. Secretary.

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Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1948.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG CLUB

Notice is hereby given that
owing to official arrangements
made in connection with the
visit to the Colony of Lord
Listowel, the Annual General
Meeting of the Hongkong Club
convened for Tuesday the 23rd
day of March 1948 at 5.30 p.m.,
has been postponed to Tuesday
the 30th day of March 1948 at
5.30 p.m.

Lord Listowel and his party
will arrive at Queen's Pier at
approximately 3.45 p.m.

1. ARRIVAL:

Lord Listowel and his party
will arrive at Queen's Pier at
approximately 3.45 p.m.

2. CLOSED ROADS:

The following roads will be
closed to vehicular traffic from
2.45 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. approxi-
mately:

A. Connaught Road Central
from Thomas Cook's Building
to junction with Jackson
Road, northwest corner of
Hong Kong Club.

B. Wardley Street at its Junction
with Connaught Road Central
will be closed to North bound
traffic.

C. Jackson Road between
Chater Road and Connaught
Road Central.

3. ONE WAY ROAD:

Ice House Street between Des
Voeux Road and Connaught
Road Central is closed to North
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4. CAR PARKS:

NO PARKING of cars will
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A. In Connaught Road Central
between Queen's Building
and Jackson Road.

B. In Connaught Road Central
on the north side of the road
between Jackson Road and
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reserved for cars of officially
invited guests.

5. TRAFFIC ROUTE:

All eastbound traffic on
Connaught Road Central
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House Street will use the south
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sociation is being made, and a
meeting will be held at the
British Military Hosp., Bowen
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DEATH

KURRIK.—On March 16 at the Kowloon Hospital, Alexander Kurrik, aged 63. The funeral will take place this afternoon at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

OCCUPATION PAYMENTS

As a preliminary to the lifting of the moratorium, Government has produced the draft of proposed legislation to determine the degree of validity to be accorded to money payments made and debts incurred during the period of Japanese occupation. Its authors cannot be accused of oversimplification. That, in fact, would have been too much to expect in view of the many complicated problems involved, the multitude of transactions affected, and the multiplicity of circumstances surrounding these hundreds of cases. No submission that the Bill provides the perfect answer to the problem is likely to be made. It is merely offered as the most equitable solution that can today be devised having regard to the broad necessities, and with that submission there will be fairly common agreement.

The basic principle that has been adopted validates all transactions upon which the parties concerned are agreed. The three main clauses of the Bill become operative only when one or other of the parties raises a dispute as to the equity of the occupation settlement. Such cases must, inevitably, be numerous, and there must be scores where outright validation, without taking all the circumstances into consideration, would cause serious hardship. The Bill leaves it open to them to reach an amicable compromise solution, and establishes certain general principles which the Courts shall follow if an agreement cannot be reached.

There will, of course, be an outcry by the "witch-hunters" who will declaim against a measure which preserves the position of occupation collaborators who saluted away their military yen in property and securities, and are now guaranteed at least the main portion of the fruits of their labours, unless it can be demonstrated that coercion or duress entered into the transaction.

Even then, as far as we understand the Bill, they will have small cause for concern as nothing more is likely to be involved than some re-valuation of the consideration and the payment of the difference which will vary according to the date when the original payment was made. Pity though this may be, protests on this account cannot seriously be entertained. The legislature cannot discard or ignore the elementary principles of justice, much less attempt to divide into sheep and goats those members of the populace who were concerned in affairs during the occupation period.

If there is justifiable criticism of the Bill, it will be founded on the length of time taken in its preparation. Few would attempt to predict precisely what effect this attempt to get rid of the mill-stone round the Colony's economic neck will have, but it is certainly that none of the complexities have been smoothed away by the protracted delay in a matter about which most expert minds were fully made up more than twelve months ago.

The proposed International Trade Charter now in preparation at Havana would work to Afghanistan's advantage, Mr. Aziz said. His country was looking forward to a substantial expansion of its exports of fruit, cattle and related products, and believed it had a valuable market to exploit in the continent of India.

He said Afghanistan had hoped to finance its developments out of its own economy, but higher prices for the imports it required from the United States and Great Britain were inevitable. To this end, he had approached the British government, who sent him his letter of instructions during the recent visit of the Comptroller of Customs.

SHOWDOWN COMING IN GUATEMALA?

By Alexander Clifford

Guatemala City, Wednesday. The Nationalist fervour in Guatemala about British Honduras is being whipped steadily higher.

You can't be here long in this charming, mountainous city without realising that the quarrel must now be resolved in some way. It can't just sink into indifference and oblivion. Some crisis must be passed before it can be cured.

It's odd to move about here as a member of a nation which is strongly resentful, disillusioned, and to some extent despised.

The feeling against us has no real foundation, but it's none the less completely genuine. There is real indignation against us as a nation which has acted as a bully for generations by virtue of our sheer strength.

The people have a romantic notion of themselves as a brave little nation standing up against an arrogant and unjust big one. And contempt is creeping in with

the idea that the British Empire is cracking up in all directions. This feeling was deliberately aroused for the purposes of internal politics. Guatemala doesn't need British Honduras. She has never had it. She knows its population doesn't want to be Guatemalan (she made a special reservation on the subject when she adhered to the Atlantic Charter). She could not afford to run it.

There is no valid, emotional basis for this irredentist feeling.

But the Left Wing party in power here has got itself trapped in the spiral of its own propaganda. And now it can't go back.

Invasion Cry

This present wave of anti-British feeling has been whipped up hard over the past few weeks. The Press, which is largely Government-controlled, has been

openly demanding the invasion of British Honduras in a crescendo of artificial fury. Surliness and obstruction have characterised all Guatemala's dealings with Britain.

Finally, the anti-Government Paper La Hora accused the Army of not having the guts to invade British Honduras. The Government suspended constitutional rights in order to muzzle the Press, but Congress refused to ratify the Presidential decree because it agreed with La Hora.

One deputy made a formal resolution in favour of invading British Honduras. Congress cheered wildly and sang the national anthem. The newspapers grew hysterical. Students screamed outside the British Legation and climbed up windows.

Now all that is a little too official and extreme to be ignored. Since no new events had occurred to warrant such anti-British feeling, it was logical to regard these outbursts as artificially provoked.

Where are the inevitable rumours of Russian instigation?

Air Exercises

And it is hard to avoid the conclusion that the present Government, under President Arevalo, wanted to strengthen their hold on the country by gaining credit for bringing the British Honduras question to a climax and possibly securing the territory.

There is still no certain information available about whether Guatemala had actually made invasion plans. But she did hold her first airborne landing manoeuvres some months ago. She has got troop-carrying planes. Belize was undefended. A few planes landing on the airfields could have bloodlessly occupied the colony. And the propaganda wave had reached a height where it was due to break.

The literate population of

Guatemala today hotly believe

that British Honduras is indisputably Guatemalan soil which

we have occupied and are with-

holding. A tissue of patriotic

propaganda, starting with school-

books has made them look on it.

Liberation is a sacred cause, and

they seem to think that when we

abandon the colony we must take

the population with us. The sol-

is the important thing.

The Ten Per Cent

It is difficult to see what is going to make them think otherwise. They are not going to

listen to any British counter

argument. They are not going to

forget about British Honduras.

Sooner or later some settlements

Committees usually have power

to co-opt particular specialists

as required.

Next month the Latin-American

nations meet in conference at Bogota. It is believed here that

Guatemala will take the lead in

urging that all colonies held by

European nations in the Western

Hemisphere should be abolished.

Anti-British feeling, of course,

is not universal here. The In-

dians, who form 40 per cent of

the population care—and probably

know—nothing about it. The

business men are unhappy about

possible commercial repercussions.

But the 10 per cent of the nation

who wield political power are

serious. And no politician in the

country can refuse to support

them on this.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES

MAKING LENGTHS CLEAR

Granted that the hand is strong enough to justify such bidding, it is easy for the good player to show his partner that he has two suits of at least five cards each. That is, by bidding the higher-ranking suit first, the lower second, and then bidding the lower again. If, however, the higher is of only four cards, the lower is bid first, the higher next, then the lower rebid. If the higher is of five and the lower four, the higher is bid first, the lower second, then the higher rebid. Think about this a bit, and you will see how simple, straightforward and definite is the logic governing it all.

Washington, Mar. 13.

Afghanistan is to ask the Export-Import Bank for credits of \$100,000,000 for an extensive development programme, Mr. A. H. Aziz, the Afghanistan delegate to the Havana trade talks, announced today.

He said both governmental

and private projects were en-

visaged, with both coordinated

under a 10 to 12 years pro-

gramme. Government spon-

sored projects included the im-

provement of communications

both roads and telegraphs—irri-

gation, and hydro-electric works;

and the exploration of Afghani-

stan's petroleum and mineral possi-

bilities.

Mr. Aziz explained in an

interview that prospecting had

revealed deposits of coal, iron,

chromite, manganese and copper

ores, but extensive geological

surveys were required to deter-

mine their extent.

The highway construction

programme was designed chief-

ly to facilitate the movement

of commodities in and out of

the country, he said. Private

projects which it was hoped to

sponsor includes food process-

ing, textile manufacture, cement

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He said the Comptroller of

Customs, who sent him his let-

ter, had told him his letter had

been forwarded to the Foreign

Ministry, who had asked him to

call on the Comptroller of

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U.S. MAY FORCE ISSUE

Bring Czechoslovakia Coup Before UNO

Direct Clash With Russia Possible

The United States was reported on Sunday to be ready to vote for a United Nations review of the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia. Informed sources said that the United States decision was taken with the full knowledge that it might bring the Security Council its most serious crisis to date.

The Soviet delegation has been grimly silent on the issue but no delegate doubts that Russia will fight bitterly to bar a Council debate on the Czechoslovakian issue.

The first test will come on Wednesday, when the Council is due to decide whether it will admit to its agenda Chile's demands for an investigation of Russia's part in the coup.

The Chilean delegate, Herman Santa Cruz, made his demand on Friday but the issue is so serious that no delegate will comment until he has received instructions from his Government.

Another Clash?

The American decision was taken after consultations between Warren Austin, U.S. chief delegate and the State Department.

In effect it means only that the United States believes Chile's proposal is entitled to a full hearing. It does not commit the United States to support any specific Council action.

The Czechoslovak question may induce another clash of the kind that precipitated Andrei Gromyko's walkout on the question of admitting the Iranian case to the Council's agenda.

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King Of The Collieries

Pantyfynnon, Mar. 14. William King, the Welsh miner who set up a record weekly output of 71 tons of coal in January, has smashed his own record.

Working on his knees in a seam only two feet six inches headroom, King last week hand cut and hand loaded 80 tons of anthracite at the Tumble Colliery near here, the colliery announced tonight.—Associated Press.

Crisis In Few Weeks!

Boston, Mass., Mar. 14. Senator Robert Taft, Republican aspirant for the United States Presidency, said today he did not agree with Mr. James F. Byrnes, former Secretary of State, who said yesterday the United States would face a crisis with Russia in four or five weeks.

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Communist Intrigue In Austria

Vice-Chancellor Adolf Schaefer said today that the Communists were planning to launch a huge propaganda campaign soon in an attempt to make Austria go the way of Czechoslovakia.

Vienna, Mar. 14.

Schaef, chairman of the Austrian Socialist Party, said he had been informed the campaign would be waged with posters inviting Austrians to let the Communists lead them toward the "end of reaction, prosperity for the working class and end of the black market."

He said the campaign would be waged despite the fact that Communism had suffered a "terrible setback" in Austria. The government has purged most Communists from non-elective posts within the Federation of Labour and the move "has created for the Communists their saddest situation ever experienced to date."

He said the Communists, following strikes by 20,000 workers during the last two weeks as a demonstration of muscle-flexing to scare the Government, but he added, the Government did not agree easily. He said the Government reluctantly agreed to ousting 50 Communist Mayors in the Russian zone, who had been put in office through Russian pressure rather than by election, because it feared the Russians might take reprisals against replacements.

If given time to set up an army of 55,000 men before the Allies left, he continued, his Government would be able to cope with infiltrations of partisans. He said his country probably would ask for a revised Allied control agreement, under which the French and British Governments would adopt the American "pay as you go" policy for their troops if the London treaty talks remained at stalemate.—United Press.

Shanghai, Mar. 15. Another Communist leader has been killed by Government troops in the environs of Shanghai.

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Quake Recorded

Sydney, Mar. 15. The Riverview Observatory at Sydney on Sunday recorded an earthquake in the vicinity of Guam 5,300 miles northwest of Sydney.

The Director of the Observatory, Rev. Dr. O'Connell, said the quake, which lasted two hours, had been recorded about 100 miles below the surface. No damage has been reported.

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It Can Happen Anywhere

Sydney, Mar. 14. Saying that "what happened in Czechoslovakia could happen in Australia," the deputy leader of the Australian Commonwealth Opposition, Mr. E. J. Harrison, tonight urged a Royal Commission to inquire into Communist activities.

There was evidence of international spying activities throughout Australia, Mr. Harrison said. He listed 10 major unions which, he declared, were Communist-controlled, and added that "cells existed in both Commonwealth and State public services."—Reuter.

Too Much Senseless Talk Of War

Sydney, Mar. 15. World-wide rumours of war with Russia are without foundation because none of the great powers is in a position to wage war, said the prominent atomic research scientist, Professor M. E. Oliphant, yesterday.

This is because of the possibility that they might serve as a skeleton for the remilitarisation of Germany, according to report issued today by the American Military Government.

The report recorded that the agreement on the control of German forces was reached by the Control Council in January.

Zonal commanders will also have to make periodical reports on the percentages of ex-officers engaged in scientific research, education and sport.—Reuter.

Twenty-five years ago, Miss Hilda Kendal, then 49, closed the shutters of Slinnington Hall, bolted the gates and doors and withdrew from a world which had known her as the eccentric member of a wealthy sporting family.

The mansion and grounds remained untouched. Cobwebs clouded the windows. Inside the locked garage was an American automobile of 1907 manufacture worth an estimated £1,500 sterling.

The mysterious spinster emerged from the cluttered and dusty house only at night. Villagers said she invariably headed for the Nun's Walk adjoining the mansion and paced up and down silently in the moonlight.

Four hundred years earlier, one of Henry VIII's wives, Katherine Parr, was confined to the same nunnery and often took the same walk at night.

Miss Kendal's secret was reported to be tied with her brother William, an evangelist who left her in the mansion and emigrated to the United States. He was said to have returned later with a negro evangelist, but apparently did not live with his sister.—United Press.

The President has to pay: he has to hand over the Independent Philippines to American capitalists, grant the American militarists war bases and strangle the popular resistance movement."

Declaring that Dr. Roxas had recently outlawed the Huk-Balang organisation (the Independent left wing guerrilla movement) and the Peasant Union, but later modified his claim that they enjoyed Soviet support, Pravda added: "It is hardly necessary to say that the absurdity of these inventions is well known to both Roxas and his masters."

"But Roxas lies without shame. He plays the role assigned to him by the Wall Street stage-managers in the general chorus of slanderers."—Reuter.

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2 ripe avocado pears, lemon juice, mayonnaise.

Cut the fruit in halves. Remove the large stone. Scoop out the pulp. Decorate the edge of each half by cutting into peaks with a sharp knife or scissors. Dice the fruit. Place into a basin and sprinkle well with lemon juice. Molten with salad-dressing and pile back into the shells. Chill and serve on small glass plates.

Fruit Flummery

1 tablespoon flour, 4 oz. sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint water, 1 tablespoon gelatine, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup hot water, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice, 2-3 cup passionfruit pulp, 1 tablespoon lemon juice.

Dissolve the gelatine in the hot water. Blend the flour with a little of the cold water. Place the remainder of the water and sugar in the saucepan and bring to the boil. Pour on to the blended flour, return to the saucepan and stir over the fire for five minutes. Cool slightly and add to the dissolved gelatine. Add the orange and lemon juice. Turn into a basin and allow to stand until it begins to thicken. Beat until very thick and foamy. Add the passionfruit pulp and pile into a glass dish.

Apricot Souffle

1 cup apricot puree, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint apricot juice, 2 eggs, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint milk, 4 oz. sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. gelatine.

Prepare a souffle mould by tying a folded hand of paper around the outside so that the paper is about three inches above the top. Separate the whites from the yolks of eggs. Beat the yolks and add the milk. Place in the top of a double saucepan and stir over boiling water until the mixture thickens. Stand aside to cool. When cool, add the apricot puree. Place the apricot juice and sugar into a saucepan. Set over a low heat and stir until the sugar has

dissolved. Add the gelatine and stir until the gelatine has dissolved. Beat the egg whites until stiff. Fold lightly through the apricot custard. Add the cooled gelatine mixture and pour into souffle moulds and allow to set.

Pineapple And Ham
Surprises

12 slices bread, 6 slices cooked ham, 3 slices pineapple, shortening, mustard, 1 egg, 3 tablespoons milk, frying fat.

Split each slice of pineapple. Butter the bread and place one slice of ham on top of six pieces of bread. Spread with mustard. Place a slice of pineapple on top and top with a second slice of bread. Beat the egg. Add to it the milk and dip each sandwich into the egg and milk mixture. Dry fry in boiling fat, five minutes on each side.

Thousand Island
Dressing

1 quantity mayonnaise, 2 tablespoons chili sauce, 1 dessertspoon tomato ketchup, 1 dessertspoon vinegar, 1 dessertspoon each of chopped onions, green capsicum and red pepper, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon paprika.

Make the mayonnaise and add all the ingredients gradually.

Sardine And Tomato
Jelly

2 cups tomato juice, a good $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. gelatine, 2 tablespoons cold water, 1 teaspoon sugar, juice 1 lemon, salt, pepper, 1 tin sardines.

Soak the gelatine in cold water. Heat the tomato juice. Add the soaked gelatine and stir until dissolved. Strain. Add the sugar, lemon juice, salt and pepper and the sardines freed from oil. Pour into a wetted shallow dish. Chill until firm. Cut into squares and serve on individual plates with lettuce, celery curls, radish roses and mayonnaise.

Individual Asparagus
Salads

1 lettuce, 4 hard-boiled eggs, 12 cooked asparagus tips, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped celery, cheese, olives, mayonnaise.

For each serving, arrange the lettuce leaves on a plate. Cut the eggs into lengthwise sections, and arrange in petal formation on the lettuce. Place the asparagus tips between sections of eggs. Pile the chopped celery in the centre and garnish with cheese cut into long strips. Decorate with olives and serve with mayonnaise.

Mayonnaise

1 egg yolk, 1 teaspoon salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon mustard, 1 cup salad oil, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon paprika, pinch of cayenne, 2 tablespoons lemon juice.

Place the egg yolk and seasonings into a basin and beat thoroughly. Add one tablespoon of the lemon juice and beat again. Beat in the oil gradually drop by drop. As the mixture thickens, add remainder of lemon juice. If the oil is added too rapidly the mayonnaise will separate. To remedy this, take a second egg yolk and gradually beat into the curdled mixture. Keep the mayonnaise in a cool place.

A Grecian Goddess



A Grecian Goddess pays a visit—Anne Crawford wears an evening dress by Joy Ricardo of brooch-taking beauty, representing the ultimate perfection in classicism. The intricacy of the cutting and draping is only equalled by the effect of softness which it achieves. The gently sloping neckline, neither squared nor rounded, flows from the sleeves, the drapery is caught in the centre. The high hipline is tightly swathed and crosses over to release a fluid mass of softly falling gathers.

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The best type of playpen is one with a floor raised a few inches from the ground. This is healthier, and baby can be outside even when grass or ground is damp.

WAR TALK

New York, Mar. 14.—Talk of war seems to have died down in the United States, but the British Government has issued a warning to its citizens to be prepared for possible invasion.

BRITISH PLANES
FOR IRAQ

Baghdad, Mar. 14.

The Iraqi Army today received its first batch of warplanes from Britain.

War equipment and other essential materials to equip the Army on a modern scale would be arriving continuously from Britain from now on, it was understood reliably.

The Iraqi Government last summer placed orders for \$5,000,000 worth of war materials with British firms.—Reuters.

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GILMAN & CO., LTD.**ITALIAN ELECTION-CAMPAIGN SPECULATION
No Real Clue Yet To Outcome**

Rome, Mar. 14.

A high percentage of voters at the polls on April 18 will mean victory for Signor de Gasperi and the other Moderate parties in the general elections, political observers here believe. No one, however, is sure how the middle class—generally estimated at about 10 million, out of Italy's 46 million inhabitants—will vote.

Generally speaking, Signor de Gasperi's radical social policy, severe taxation and deflationary measures have hit the middle class most heavily.

Apart from this, quite a substantial section of Italy's middle class is strongly anti-clerical in its policies and dislikes the present predominance of Signor de Gasperi's Christian Democrats.

On the other hand, the middle class is also the most influenced by the events in Czechoslovakia as well as by the practical reports of the tremendous help given and still being given to Italy today by the United States.

These may result in its throwing its weight into the balance in favour of the Moderates.

Weapon For Left

At a recent gathering of Communist leaders and their political associates, a general estimate of about 11,000,000 votes for the population is reported to have been accepted as probable.

There are in all something over 27,000,000 voters on the lists, although final returns may show a somewhat higher figure.

The Centre Right will therefore have to work hard to put a decisive majority over the Communist-dominated Popular Front if the latter's hopes are realised.

Fatso, so far, is not being kind to Signor de Gasperi. The Mogadishu riots, with over 50 Italians killed, gave the Left a weapon for violent anti-British propaganda accompanied by the suggestion that Signor de Gasperi was too pro-British to be able to get any satisfaction.

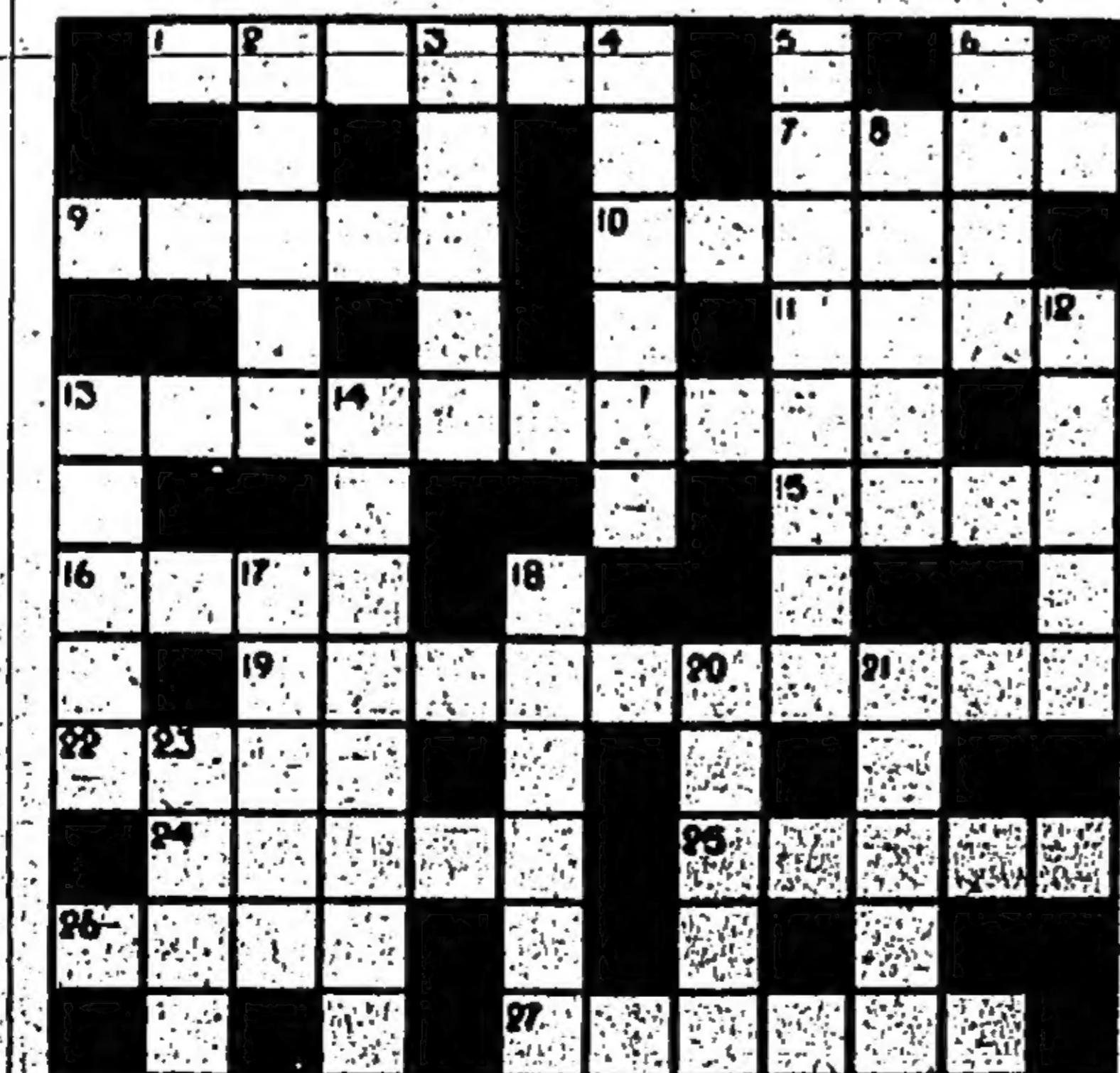
Recently there has been the affair of Monsignor Cipriano, unfrocked in an unusually strong denunciation published

Armed tribesmen supporting Emir Ahmed, eldest son of the late ruler, Iman Yahya, were said to be besieging the capital and hammering the four cast iron gates leading into the city, where Abdullah El Wazir, established as ruler after the assassination of the 85-year-old Iman Yahya nearly a month ago, was holding out.

It was reported yesterday that Emir Ahmed's men had broken into the capital, but later reports did not confirm the capture.

Authorities here said that rescue parties would be up against great odds in trying to reach the scene, which is on a glacier on the 16,200-foot mountain.

The airliner, a DC4 Skymaster of Northwest Airlines, was found yesterday after being missing on a flight from Shanghai to St. Paul, Minnesota.—Associated Press.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE**Clues Across**

- 1. Calm.
- 2. Sword.
- 9. Special application.
- 10. Clergyman.
- 11. Inhabitants.
- 12. Species.
- 13. Steward.
- 14. Driftwood.
- 15. Dismal.
- 16. Weeping.
- 17. Clever.
- 18. Infamous.
- 19. Specie.
- 20. Volume.
- 21. Offer.
- 22. Plaster.
- 23. Chisel.
- 24. Weight.
- 25. Volume.
- 26. Offer.
- 27. Offer.

Clues Down

- 2. Goes ahead.
- 3. Ship's load.
- 4. Driftwood.
- 5. Name.
- 6. Dislike.
- 7. Desire for drink.
- 8. Fire raising.
- 9. Traffic.
- 10. Particle.
- 11. Glaze.
- 12. Driftwood.
- 13. Name.
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Yesterday's Crossword

Trawler Ashore In Iceland

Reykjavik, Mar. 14.

With her crew lashed to the rigging, the 258-ton Hull trawler Epine was tonight still stranded on a rock off the west coast of Iceland, battered by a gale and swept by heavy seas.

The ship struck the submerged rock late last night. One man had been swept ashore. Efforts were still being made tonight to rescue the crew with rocket lines from the shore, but it was feared that the only hope would be if the ship remained until the gale died.

Speaking in the front page of the Vatican organ Osservatore Romano.

Attacks On Reds

Only time will show what was the extent of the alleged falsifications and swindles which the statement in Osservatore Romano gave as the reason for banning from holy orders the churchman who had held a confidential post in the Vatican's archives.

The news was a gift to the anti-clerical.

Signor de Gasperi has made some lively attacks on the Communists in his speeches.

"Unless Italy votes for democracy on April 18, that will be the last election for a long time," was one of his trenchant phrases.

Signor Togliatti, Italy's Communist leader, retorted: "It is necessary, at any time and at any cost, to get power into the hands of the popular masses in order to prevent it coming into the hands of those monopolists, capitalists and speculators who have already caused two world wars."—Reuters.

The motion added it was their wish because the abdication in March, 1945, was "enforced."—Reuters.

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Associated Press.

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From	Date	Vessel
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Pacific Coast	8th April	m.v. "MINDORO"
	Early April	m.v. "ANDAMAN"

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For	Date	Vessel
Manila	20th March	s.s. "ESCALANTE"
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BUSINESS LEADERS TO DISCUSS EUROPEAN RECOVERY

Paris, Mar. 14. A programme of action for European recovery, drawn up by business leaders and experts from 10 countries, was being submitted today by Mr. Arthur Guinness, President of the International Chamber of Commerce, to the 16-nation Conference on European recovery opening here tomorrow.

Togliatti Demands Victory

Rome, Mar. 14. The Communist boss, Palmiro Togliatti, today said the Marshall Plan sought to make Italy the base for an atomic war against Russia and demanded a Leftist victory in the April elections "to save peace."

Before a crowd of 90,000 people, Togliatti denounced the government for "police intimidation of voters." He urged followers: "Hold yourselves ready to make your protests heard in whatever manner necessary. The Marshall Plan means division of the world into two parts—West against Russia and Eastern Europe—and air bases from which the atomic bomb would be unleashed on Russian territory."

Both Togliatti and the Left Wing Socialist leader Pietro Nenni, who spoke in Milan, said Italy needed and wanted United States aid, but opposed the Marshall Plan for imposing the "political policy of America on our country."

Speaking to 60,000 people, Nenni said that the ERP was a "bitter alternative for the United States Congress to allocation of big military funds." —United Press.

No Vote For Women

Geneva, Mar. 14. The Swiss people today rejected in a national referendum by over 170,000 votes to 260,000, a Bill providing for increased State control of sugar beet farming and more beet factories.

The Bill was designed to increase sugar production, particularly in case of war.

In another referendum submitted to the Western Canton of Neuchatel, the voters rejected by 15,000 votes to 7,000 a proposal to give women a municipal vote.

Zurich, Switzerland's largest canton, refused a vote to women in the referendum last November.—Reuter.

U.S. Coal Strike Fears

Washington, Mar. 14. Operators of coal mines scattered work stoppages on Monday stemming from John E. Lewis' letter to the United Mine Workers Union.

The operators doubt that a nationwide walkout will occur but point out that spontaneous strikes have mushroomed during work stoppages wide areas sometimes.

Lewis told miners on Friday that operators have "dishonored and violated" their agreement providing workers welfare clauses and a retirement fund supported by a 10 per cent levy on all coal mined.

Lewis insisted that the operators had violated the agreement by refusing to pay pensions from the \$50,000,000 fund collected by the levy. He is asking for a monthly pension for miners aged 60 who have worked for 20 years.—United Press.

STERLING appreciated slightly to \$18.05. Australian pound were unchanged at \$12.53.

UNDERGROUND IN BOHEMIA

Washington, Mar. 14. Jirai Slavik, former Czechoslovakian Ambassador, today predicted a "very strong underground movement" would be formed in his homeland to resist the new Communist-imposed Government.—Associated Press.

Fast Work On Underground

London, Mar. 14.

Engineers working on the open air stretches of London's underground railway network erected a new steel bridge in 72 minutes last night.

Trains were running over the old bridge until midnight, when the electric current was cut off and the old structure swiftly demolished.

The new bridge, weighing 400 tons and 82 feet long, was constructed on girders alongside the track. Early today eight men, using hand winches, hoisted it into position.—Reuter.

Chinese Labour Unions Appeal To Truman

Shanghai, Mar. 15. The Shanghai General Labour Union, which claims a membership of over half a million workers, addressed an appeal yesterday to President Truman for immediate military and economic aid to the Chinese Government to enable it to carry its Communist suppression campaign to a successful conclusion.

The appeal was transmitted through Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, American Ambassador.

Stating that the message represented the views of 520,000 workers in Shanghai, the Union pointed out that stabilisation of the Chinese situation would check the spread of Communism and prevent the outbreak of a third World War.

The message referred to the far sighted recommendations on the subject made by such acknowledged authorities as General Douglas MacArthur, General Wedemeyer and General Chennault, and called upon the United States authorities to take immediate action.—Reuter.

Profits Too Small

London, Mar. 14. British wholesalers, after considering the request of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, for a reduction of prices and profits, find their profits are "so small that the contribution they can make to a substantial reduction is almost negligible".

This is the conclusion of a memorandum submitted by the National Committee on wholesale distribution representing organisations covering food, textiles, apparel, footwear and other important commodities to the Chancellor.

Nevertheless, some sections made definite offers for a reduction and "freezing" of profit margins.—Reuter.

Eire's Views On Franco

Paris, Mar. 14.

Eire would not oppose Spain's admission to the Marshall Plan countries, Eire's Foreign Minister, Mr. Sean McBride, who is here for the 16-nation talks beginning tomorrow, told pressmen tonight.

His Government had no knowledge of any such proposal, and Eire herself would not initiate the move, he added.

The Irish stand, he explained, was not to oppose Spanish participation since Eire enjoyed commercial relations with Spain.

Asked about his views on German observers attending the Marshall plan talks, he said: "I feel that German participation is desirable since Germany is essential for European recovery."—Reuter.

Money Market

Gold dropped yesterday and closed at \$333.50 a tael after opening at \$344.

It was down to \$335.50 for a time but rallied slightly towards the close.

U.S. dollars dropped slightly in the morning but recovered

in the afternoon and closed at \$5.70 for notes \$5.82 for bank drafts and \$5.90 for TT.

Pinakes opened at \$12.35 a 100, dropped to \$12.30, went up to \$12.40 and closed at \$12.30 1/4.

Chinese National Currency had a marketless day with rates quoted nominal at 13 cents for futures and 10 cents

for spot (or CN\$10,000).

Tenlis made a further climb to \$27.70 a 100, and NEI Guilders were also firmer at \$11.30 100.

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EXPLOSION ON CLYDEBANK

Glasgow, Mar. 15.

Firemen early this morning

fought the blaze which broke

out after an explosion on the 4-

22-ton British Hallways cross-

channel steamer Prague in John Brown's Clydebank yard.

Work on the Prague—in for

reconditioning—had almost been

completed when the explosion

occurred. One worker was hurled

several yards. He was buried

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Mar. 17, BOAC (Capt. Briggs)

4 p.m. Manlia

Mar. 18, Cathay Pacific, 12.30

p.m. Philippine Airlines,

10.15, Pan-American, 12.45

p.m. Cathay Pacific, 12.30

p.m. Philippine Airlines,

12 noon, Shanghai

Daily, CNAC, 10.45 a.m.

Mar. 17, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

12 noon, Pan-American, 4.45

p.m. Mar. 19, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

Canton

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11 a.m., 1.30 p.m. & 3.30 p.m.

(Via Honolulu, Wake Guam,

Manila), 4 p.m. 20th Mar.

Singapore via Bangkok

Mar. 17, BOAC (Capt. Mcgregor), 4 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok

Mar. 18, Pan-American, 4.45

p.m. Singapore

Mar. 19, H.K. Airways, 4 p.m.

San Francisco

Via Honolulu, Wake Guam,

Okinawa, Shanghai

Daily, CNAC, 10.45 a.m.

Mar. 18, Pan-American, 4.45

p.m. Singapore

Mar. 19, H.K. Airways, 4 p.m.

Departures To:

Pool via Bangkok

Mar. 17, BOAC (Capt. Mcgregor), 8 a.m.

Oslo via Bangkok

Mar. 17, Pan-American (Capt. Fossum), 9 a.m.

Manila

Mar. 18, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Singapore

Mar. 19, BOAC (Capt. Payne), 7.30 a.m.

Shanghai

Daily, CNAC, 11.45 a.m.

Mar. 18, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

11 a.m. Philippine Airways,

Mar. 18, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

Mar. 19, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

Canton

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(Via Honolulu, Guam, Wake & Manila)

Mar. 18, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco

(Via Shanghai, Okinawa,

Guam, Wake & Honolulu)

Mar. 19, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

Mar. 20, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

VESSELS DUE FROM AMOY & SWATOW

Tuesday, March 16

CLOSING TIMES BY AIR

Airmail for Amoy (Rev.) 8 a.m.

(Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai (Rev.) 8 a.m.

(Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo (Telegraph)

Augusta and Marseilles via Cairo)

Airmail for London, Kowloon (GPO)

(Rev.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Airmail for Singapore, Southern, Celebes, Malaya, Thailand (Rev.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foochow

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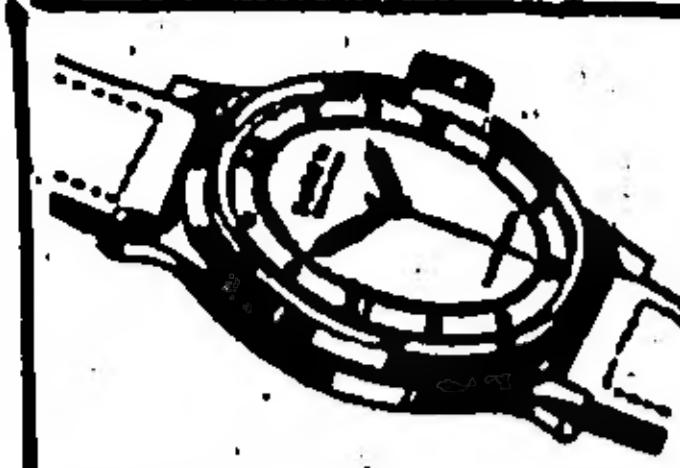
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REFORM OF HOUSE OF LORDS
Tentative Agreement Reported ReachedReducing Chamber
To 300 MembersWomen Parade
Against War

Rome, Mar. 14. Chanting "Down with the Atom Bomb" and "Give Us Peace," 30,000 women paraded through the streets of Rome today in a mass demonstration against war.

The women, who came from many parts of the country, were representatives of national women's associations grouped together under the "Court of Peace."

Before the parade, the women heard anti-war speeches calling for total and universal disarmament and the scrapping of the atom bomb. The speakers included the scientist, Madame Irene Joliot-Curie, daughter of the famous Marie and Pierre Curie.

A special delegation of women presented the Italian President, Dr. Enrico Nicola, with a parchment dedicated to peace, carrying the signatures of 2,000,000 women.

The parade ended at the tomb of Italy's Unknown Warrior.—Reuter.

Conscription By Jews In Palestine

Jerusalem, Mar. 14. A Jewish Agency spokesman confirmed today reports that Jews between the ages of 17 and 45 are being prevented from leaving Palestine by force if necessary, regardless of nationality.

Airlines offices report that "hundreds" of their passengers have been stopped by Irgunah patrols on the way to the airport.

One company spokesman said seven of his passengers were taken from a bus at gunpoint and forced to return to Tel Aviv.

The Jewish Agency spokesman said Irgunah has placed guards in a travel agency office to watch for Jews who try to book passage.

"We consider the Jews of Palestine are at war," he added.

"No Jew with a good excuse could expect to be permitted to shirk his duty in warlike,"—Associated Press.

A.O.C. LEAVES

The Air Officer Commanding Air Commodore S.N. Webster, CBE, AFC, left Kai Tak yesterday morning, by R.O.A.C., for Singapore, on a short visit to Headquarters, Air Command, Far East.

The Air Commodore, who was accompanied by Wing Commander J.W.C. Simpson, DFC, Squadron Leader R.W. Jeary and Squadron Leader G.E.H. Walker, and Squadron Leader D.M. Gall, DFC, expects to return to the Colony next Monday.

New Soviet Offer To Britain

London, Mar. 14. The Sunday Empire News reported today that Russia had offered Britain 2,000,000 additional tons of grain in exchange for industrial machinery.

It said the offer would be discussed when the Anglo-Soviet trade talks were resumed in a few weeks. Such a contract in addition to the existing agreement for 750,000 tons would be considered favourably by Britain, the article said.

Russia's "spectacular offer" is the first sign that the world grain shortage, which has lasted since 1939, is ended," the newspaper said in a three-column front-page article.

It said that if accepted, the offer would probably end bread rationing in Britain by September, bacon rationing within the year and an increase in supplies of eggs and poultry.

Every farmer in Britain would get additional feeding stuffs from the offer, it said. Payment would be made in dollars, rations converted into cash and the new supplies would be distributed

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